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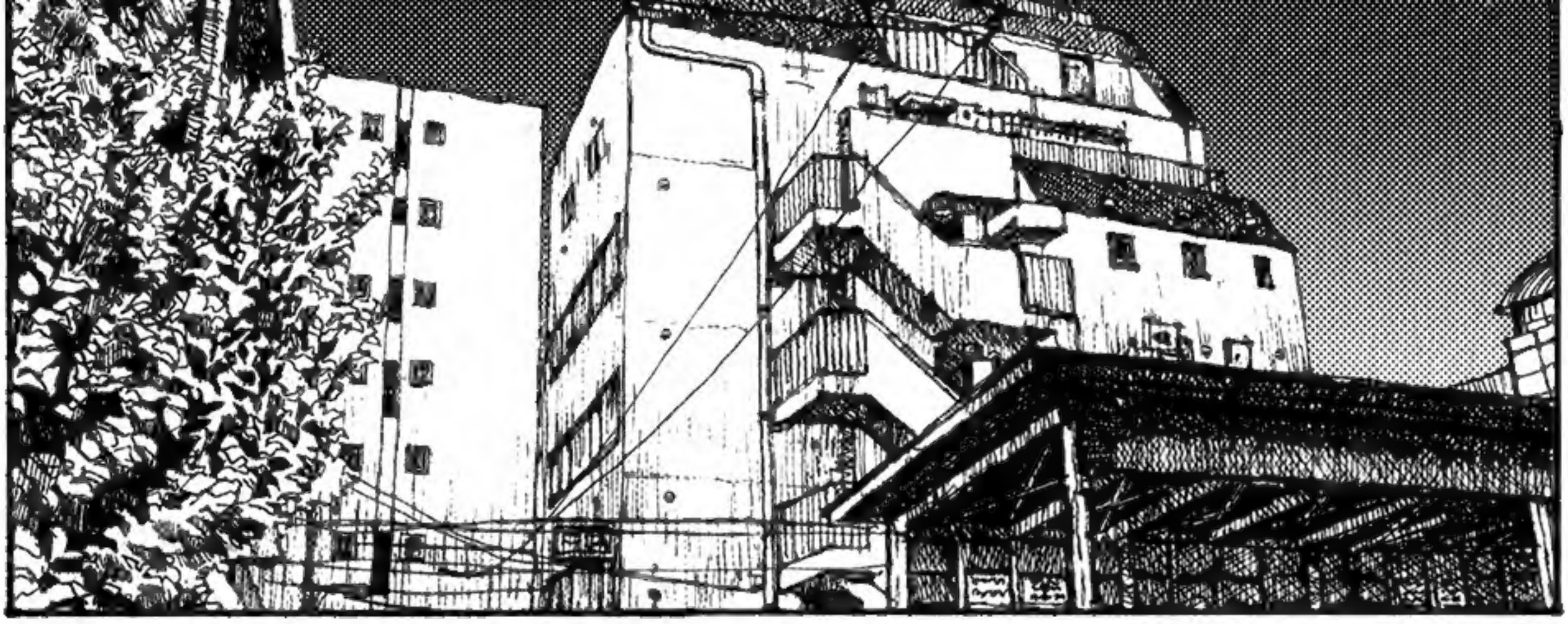

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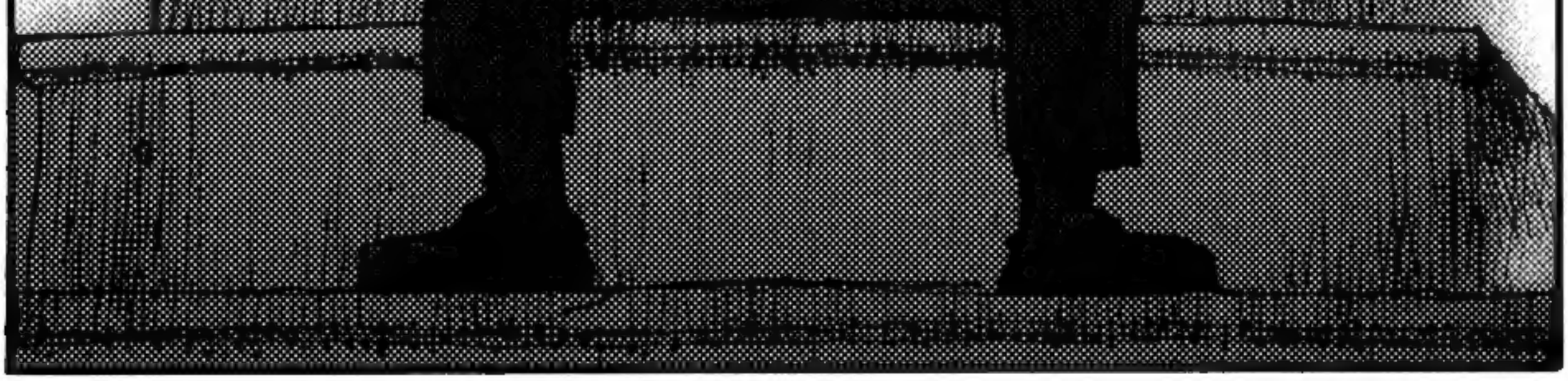
SO?



YOU'RE JUST READING TOO MUCH INTO THIS, TANAKA-KUN.

THAT WAS JUST A COINCIDENCE, ...

HE'S NOT THE GUY WE SAT WITH AT THE CAFE.

LOOK, THE AIZAWA-KUN YOU WERE BULLYING AROUND IS A CITY OFFICIAL IN HIS HOMETOWN.

THEN WHO IS HE?

IF THE GUY WITH THE GLASSES ISN'T AIZAWA, ...

HUH?

WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE?

THE AGENCY HAS TIGHT DATA SECURITY, SO I CAN'T STEAL ANY INFO.

WELL... THAT I DON'T KNOW... I MEAN, ...

...WE CAN'T LET GO OF THAT POSSIBILITY WHEN WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT GLASSES IS UP TO.

EVEN IF IT'S NOT AIZAWA, THERE'S PLENTY OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO WANT ME DEAD...

...IT'S GONNA BE YO-KO ALL OVER AGAIN!

I TOLD YOU BEFORE, WE GOTTA STRIKE FIRST OR ELSE, ...

...AND HE'S GOOD ENOUGH TO BEAT YOU, A VETERAN.

BESIDES, HE REALIZED YOU WERE TAILING HIM, ...

IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, YOU WON'T LAST TILL THE ELECTION...

YOU'RE BEING WAY TOO PARANOID.

IF HE'S NOT AIZAWA, THEN WHO THE HELL IS HE..?

GLASSES DEFINITELY SHOWED UP TO SCOUT ON ME.

SHOULD I SEND HER IN?

AN AGENT FROM THE OMARU VENGEANCE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IS HERE...

WHAT?

UHH-

...THAT MEANS...

AN ENFORCEMENT AGENCY?

TANAKA-KUN!

!

SHE WANTS ME, NOT KUSAKA, RIGHT?

HAVE HER COME BACK LATER.

KUSAKA-KUN IS OUT AT THE MOMENT.

BESIDES, I FEEL LIKE A PUSSY HIDING AROUND LIKE THIS.

I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE AFTER. I CAN HANDLE IT EVEN WITHOUT KUSAKA.

TANAKA-KUN!

YOU'RE NOT GOING DOWN THERE, ...

YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO DO ANYTHING WITHOUT KUSAKA-KUN'S PERMISSION!

GET OUTTA THE WAY BOBBY.

THAT'S NOT THE POINT, TANAKA-KUN!

I'M HIGUCHI FROM THE OMARU VENGEANCE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

YES.

...HIGUCHI?

MISS...

SO OUR AGENCY WILL BE CARRYING OUT THE ENFORCEMENT IN LIEU OF THE DECEASED'S FAMILY.

AT THIS TIME, THE JUSTICE BUREAU HAS APPROVED THE REQUEST FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF MR. TANAKA, ...

THAT'LL BE ALL FOR TODAY.

THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE, AND HAVE MR. TANAKA CONFIRM AND SIGN SOME PAPERWORK...

I WASN'T EVEN CHARGED FOR ANYTHING IN COURT.

WHY DO I HAVE TO BE EXECUTED WHEN I HAVEN'T COMMITTED A CRIME?

A WITNESS.

AND THE JUSTICE BUREAU IS BASING THIS ALL ON..?

SO THE OFFICIAL STANDING IS THAT YOU DID INDEED BREAK THE LAW.

WELL, YOU SEE, THE JUSTICE BUREAU HAS ALREADY DELIBERATED AND APPROVED THE EN-FORCEMENT REQUEST.

DO YOU KNOW OF A SHUNPEI OKADA?

LET'S SEE, HE WAS SHOUTING SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

...MR. TANAKA ASSAULTED THE VICTIM WITH A LIQUOR BOTTLE...

ACCORDING TO HIS TESTIMONY, ...

FROM THE LIQUOR STORE...

YEAH...

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THAT'S...

...MY BRACELET, ISN'T IT!?

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NAH...

...RING ANY BELLS?

DOES THAT, ...

HOW'S THERE GONNA BE AN ENFORCEMENT AFTER A HALF-ASSED DELIBERATION LIKE THAT?

NOT THAT I WOULD'VE SHOWN UP ANYWAYS.

BESIDES, THEY DIDN'T EVEN CALL ME UP, WHEN I'M THE ONE THEY'RE DELIBERATING ABOUT.

...YOU JUST DON'T REMEMBER.

OR MAYBE, ...

CAN'T YOU SEE, MY ENEMIES ARE JUST TRYING TO FRAME ME!

I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE, I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RE-COLLECTION OF THIS INCIDENT!

THIS REPORT CONCURS WITH TESTIMONY TAKEN FROM THOSE CLOSEST TO YOU.

MR. TANAKA... IT'S BEEN SAID THAT YOU SOMETIMES HAVE CONVULSIONS...

AND AFTERWARDS, YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RECOLLECTION OF WHAT YOU'VE SAID OR DONE.

...I GO COMPLETELY OFF MY HEAD.

...IN A WHILE.

HAVEN'T HAD ONE THAT BAD, ...

GET OUT.

...RING ANY BELLS?

DOES THAT, ...

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS KINDA NONSENSE.

I'M NOT GONNA TAKE ANYMORE SHIT ABOUT BEING GUILTY.

I'M NOT SIGNING ANYTHING!

LOOK, ...

OH, JUST A STAMP WILL BE FINE...

VERY WELL, I UNDERSTAND. I'LL JUST NEED YOU TO SIGN THESE PAPERS.

THIS WHOLE THING IS JUST A FORMALITY.

NO SIGNATURE THEN... EITHER WAY, WE STILL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE ENFORCE-MENT.

I HOPE YOU LIKE ORANGES. THEY'RE FROM MY HOMETOWN.

OH... AND... THIS IS FROM ME.

WELL, I'LL BE GOING NOW.
THERE'S AN ENFORCER WITH GLASSES THAT WORKS FOR YOUR AGENCY, RIGHT?
HEY...
GLASSES, BLUE JACKET, THIN GUY WITH SLITTED EYES.
I... I JUST HAPPENED TO SEE HIM SO I WAS WONDERING.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

OHHH-!

.....

YOU GOTTA TELL ME SOMETHING...

WHO... WHO IS HE?

BUT YES, AN ENFORCER FITTING THAT DESCRIPTION DOES WORK FOR US.

I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION ...

...THE "GHOST KILLER".

THEY CALL HIM, ...

ACCORDING TO THIS, HE'S PRETTY FAMOUS IN THE VENGEANCE ENFORCEMENT INDUSTRY,

THERE ARE REPORTS ON A PERSON CALLED THE "GHOST KILLER"...

OH I'LL BE ON A LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFO ON THE "GHOST KILLER", OF COURSE

I DON'T THINK IT'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT, TANAKA-KUN...

TANAKA-KUN, ARE YOU LISTENING?

IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S GOT BEEF WITH YOU.

BUT EVEN IF THE "GHOST KILLER" DOES EXIST,

HELLO-?

TANAKA-KUN?

IT'S MY FAULT, ...

...THAT MOM LOST HER PRECIOUS BRACELET.

IT'S MY FAULT. MY FAULT THAT MOM ...

I'VE GOTTA FIND IT...

GOTTA...

TITS, JUST TITS, OKAY..?!

HEY, I TOLD YOU WE'RE JUST PLAYING A GAME!

HELP!

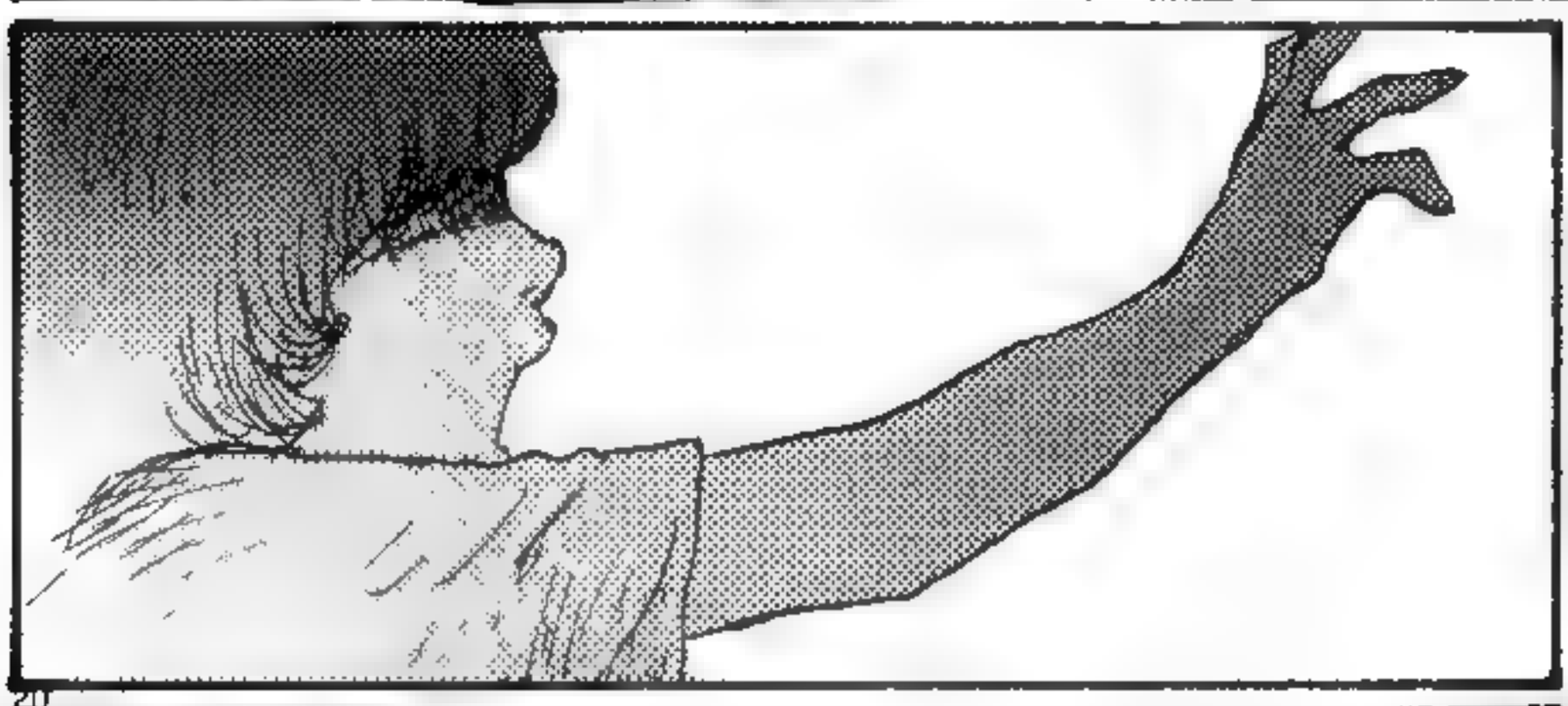
SOMEBODY..!

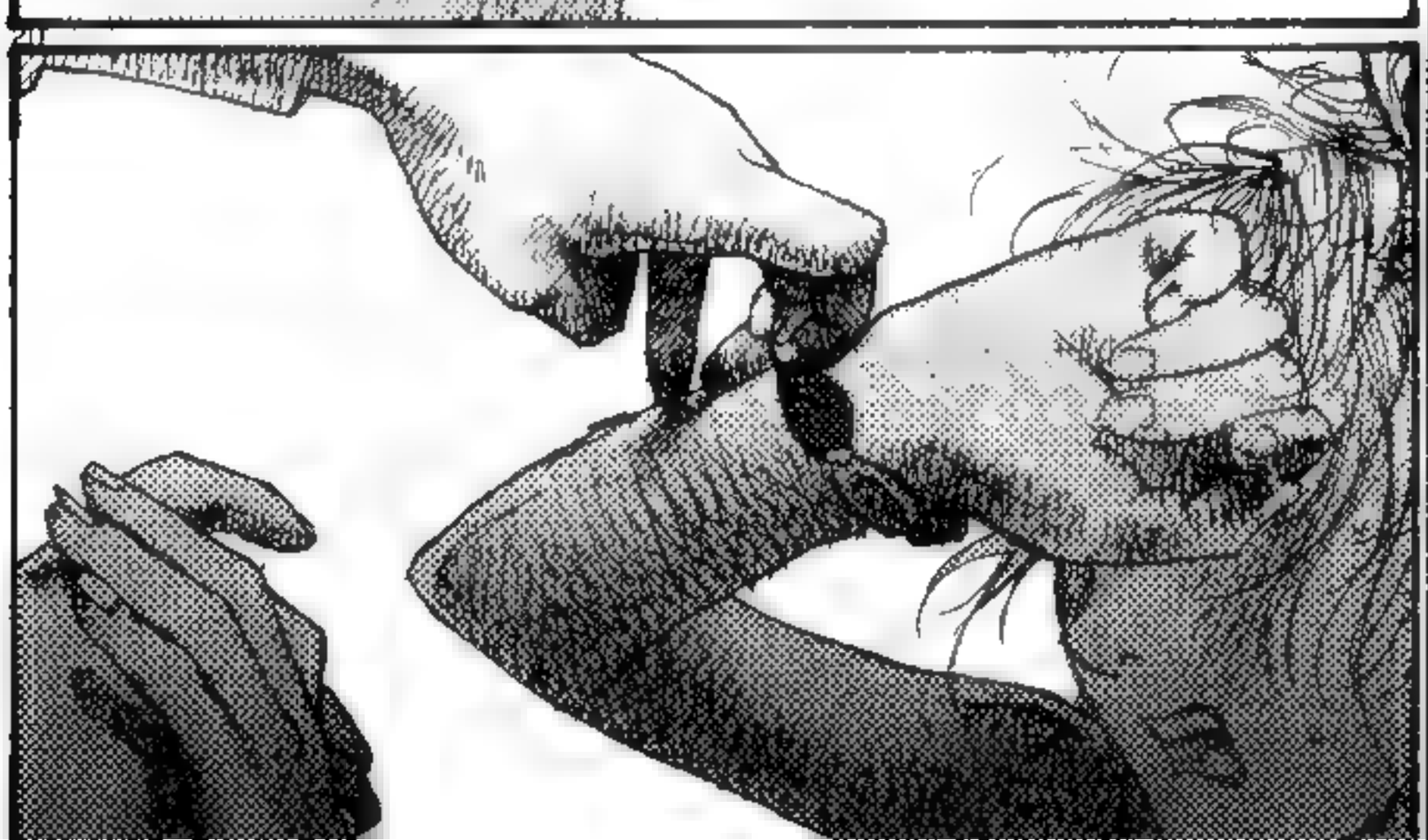
LET HER GO, SHE DOESN'T WANNA DO THIS..!

CUT IT OUT, TOMITA... KITAGUCHI!

YOU COULD BUY IT ANY-WHERE.
IT'S JUST A CHEAP THING, ...

THAT BRACELET.



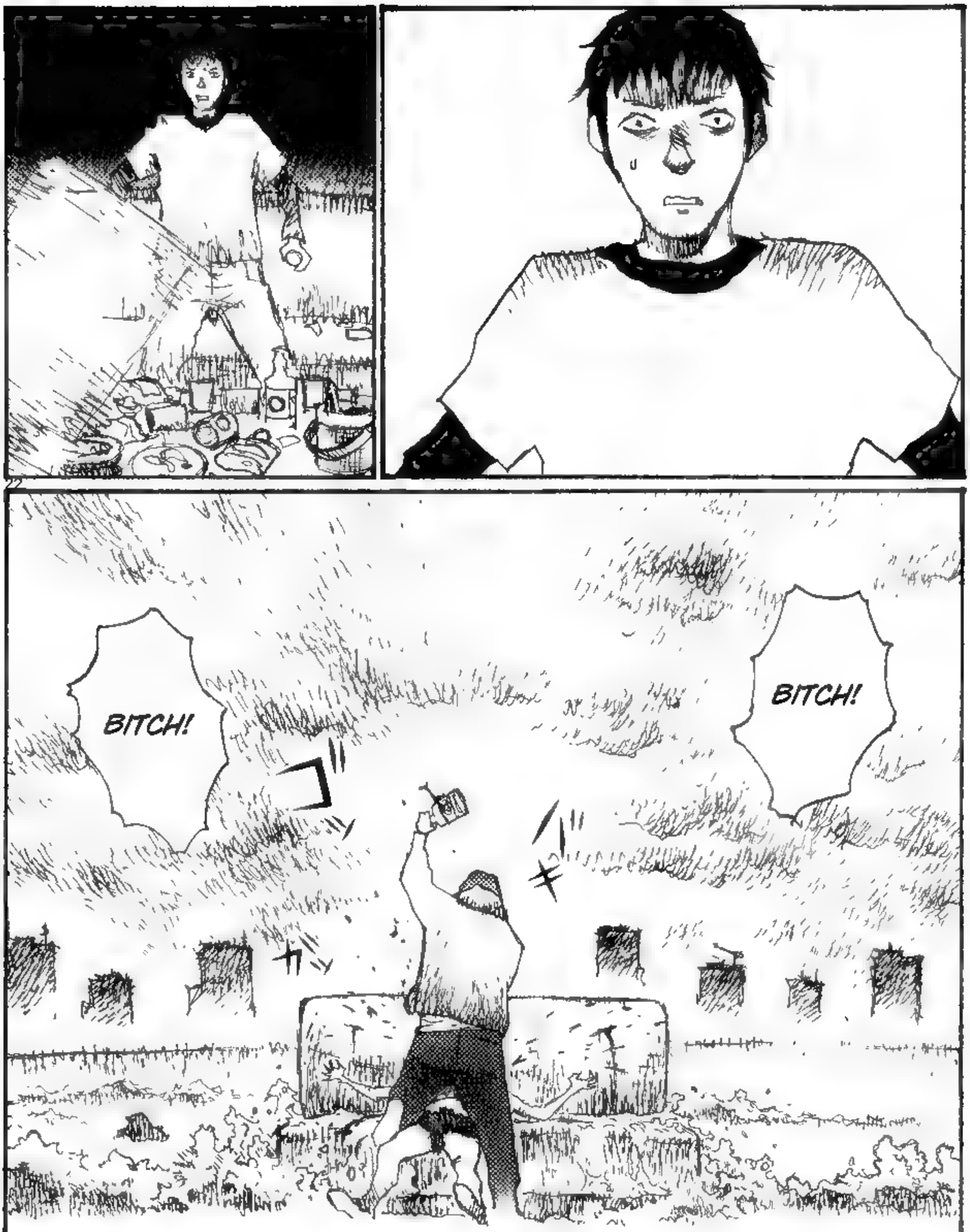


LICK...

STOP IT!

MY BRACELET, ISN'T IT..!?

THAT'S, ...


BITCH!
BITCH!

HUFF!

HUFF!

HUFF!

THAT GIRL HAD THE BRACELET I LOST AT THE BEACH.

MOM ABANDONED ME BECAUSE THAT BITCH HID THE BRACELET!

STEALING MOM'S PRECIOUS BRACELET..!

IT'S HER FAULT FOR FIGHTING BACK, THAT THIEF!

SO ALL I WANTED WAS TO GET IT BACK!

IT'S HER FAULT!

...JOIN YOU?

MAY I,
...

...JOIN YOU?

MAY I, ...

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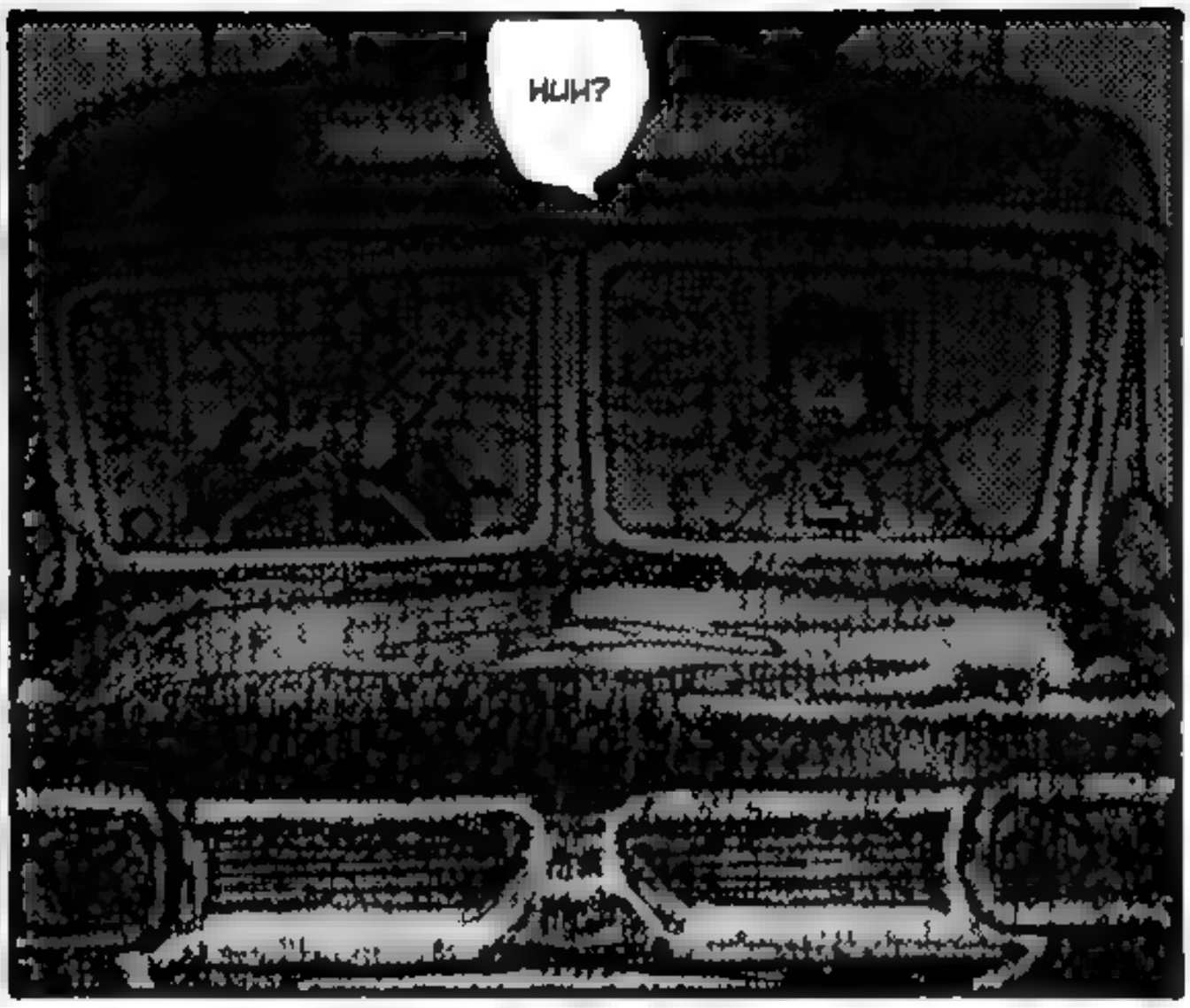
MAY I, ...
...JOIN YOU?
境界線はすでに失われた。
希望はもはや見る影も無い。
命を取る白毛を持っているのは
……ただの地獄だ。
フリージア
松本次郎

松本次郎
フリージア
愛情、欲望、情熱、悲哀、憐憫、恐怖、畏怖、祈念、
妄想、鬱屈、衝動、嘲笑、躊躇、願望、希望、絶望、
絶望、絶望、絶望、絶望、絶望、絶望、絶望、絶望、
一発の銃弾で、総てが無に帰す。
第75話＝特例措置
元忍人・YOKOを襲った悲劇。ヒグチに残る身辺調査
確実に包囲網が狭まるなか、田中慶太はある決断を……？

...TO FUCKING KILL YOU.

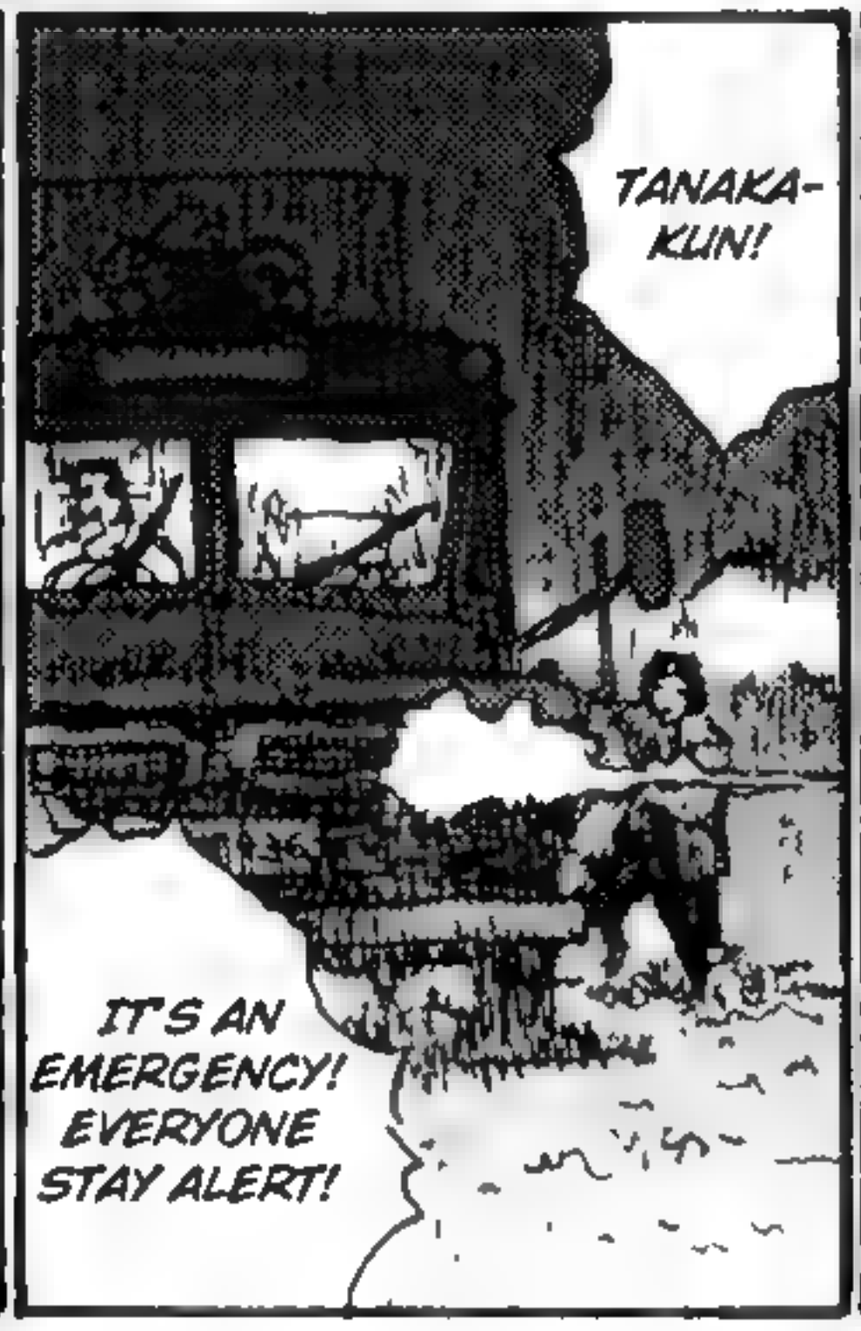
WE'VE COME ...

...TO FUCKING KILL YOU.
WE'VE COME, ...


HUH?

AAAAAH!

HELP ME..!
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU ALRIGHT ?!


TANAKA-KUN!
IT'S AN EMERGENCY! EVERYONE STAY ALERT!

HE WAS IN MY ROOM! GUY WITH THE GLASSES..!

WE'VE CHECKED THE BACK EXIT AND THE ROOF, BUT IT'S ALL CLEAR.

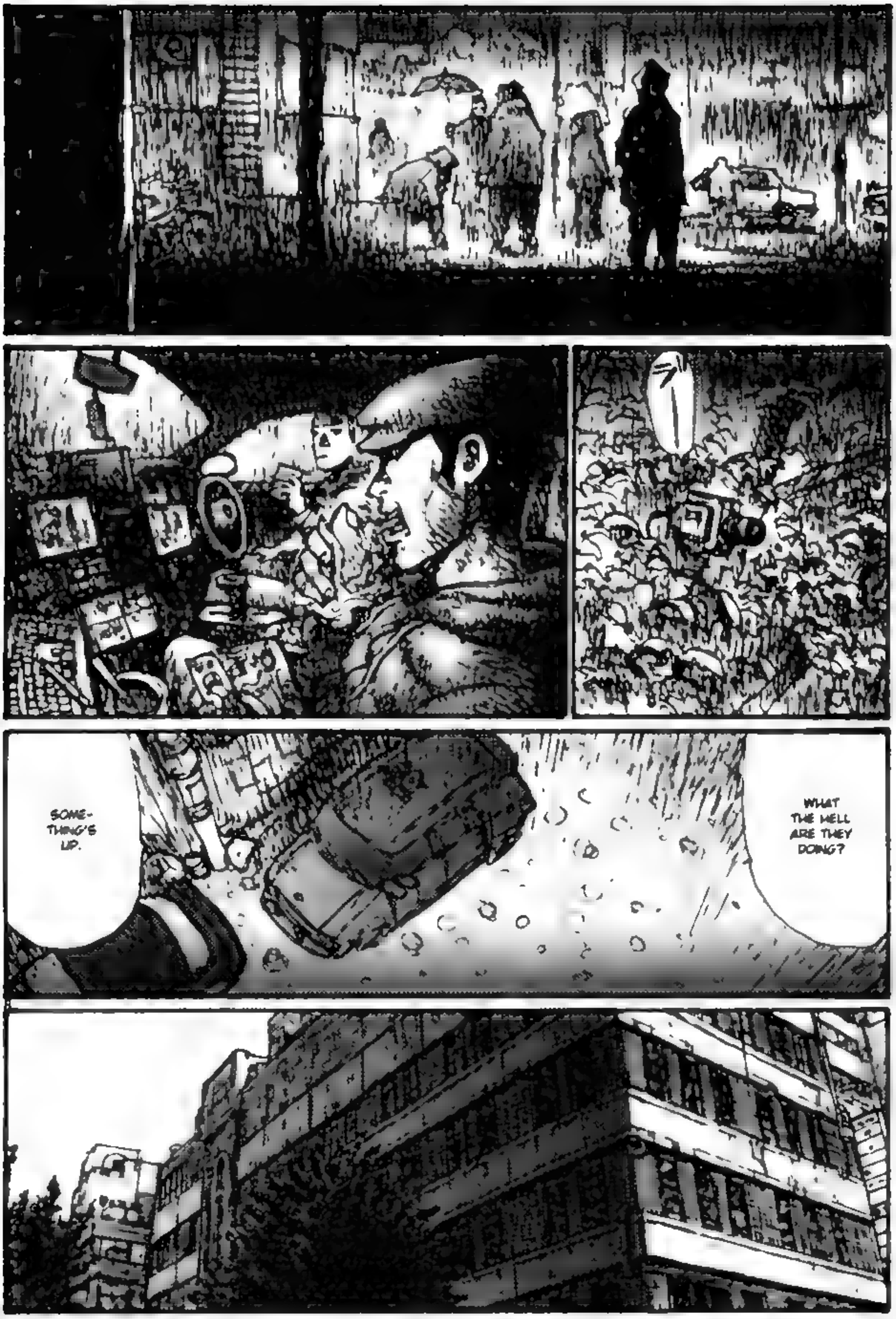
COPY THAT...

THERE'S NOBODY IN THE ROOM. NO SIGNS OF ENTRY, EITHER.

SOME PEOPLE GET SIDE-EFFECTS WHERE THEY START TO CONFLATE DREAMS WITH REALITY...

IT'S PROBABLY THOSE SLEEPING PILLS, TANAKA-KUN...

...FUCKER...


SOME-
THING'S
UP.
WHAT
THE HELL
ARE THEY
DOING?

HOWEVER, EVEN WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS, WE COULDN'T GET MILITARY SUPPORT, AND TANAKA'S SECURITY FORCE IS MASSIVE, SO IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT.

WE DON'T INTEND TO START UP A WAR... SO WE'LL BE FINISHING THIS AS QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY AS POSSIBLE.

WHICH MEANS WE HAVE TO EXECUTE HIM OUTSIDE WHEN HE'S LEFT HIS VEHICLE. THEY'LL BE CAUGHT OFF GUARD THINKING WE WON'T EXECUTE IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

THIS PAST MONTH, KEITA TANAKA HAS AVOIDED CROWDED PLACES, AND AT LEAST 20 BODYGUARDS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN STANDING BY AT HIS HOME AND OFFICE.

THE RESULTS FROM THE INVESTIGATION ARE AS FOLLOWS, ...

THEREFORE, WE NEED TO BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN HE WILL SHOW UP AT THE SITE WE'VE PREPARED.

...WE NEED TO MAKE PREPARATIONS BEFOREHAND AT THE SITE OF THE ENFORCEMENT.

EVEN STILL, WE WANT TO AVOID INVOLVING INNOCENT BYSTANDERS. SO FOR THAT, ...

I BELIEVE OUR BEST CHANCE WILL BE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE DEPARTMENT STORE.

LITTLE ELF, DATA #12. PRONTO.

ON FRIDAYS, TANAKA ALWAYS VISITS YO-KO AT THE HOSPITAL, AND IF HE HAS TIME, HE GOES SHOPPING AT THE MARUCON DEPARTMENT STORE IN THE GOVERNMENT QUARTERS ON HIS WAY HOME.

...WHETHER WE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP THESE PREPARATIONS SECRET FROM TANAKA'S SECURITY...

THE PROBLEM IS, THE STORE IS UNLIKELY TO COOPERATE WITH THE ENFORCEMENT, AND...

THE ENFORCERS WILL THEN AWAIT HIS ARRIVAL AT A PRE-DETERMINED LOCATION.

WE'LL EVACUATE THE CUSTOMERS BEFOREHAND AS DISCREETLY AS POSSIBLE.

HOW BIG IS TANAKA'S SECURITY FORCE?

I'M LISTENING...

ARE YOU LISTENING?

DIRECTOR.

IF THE INSPECTION GOES SMOOTHLY, THEY MAY GET THEM IN TIME FOR NEXT FRIDAY.

HOWEVER, LAST WEEK, THEY FILED A CITY GRANT TO OBTAIN 4 MACHINE GUNS.

THEY'RE EQUIPPED WITH 9MM PISTOLS.

HE'S BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY 7 TO 8 BODYGUARDS EACH TIME.

SO IT IS GONNA BE A WAR.

.....

LIKE THAT?

YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT DOING IT?

THESE ARE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

I TOLD YOU.

...TO HAVE A GUNFIGHT. IS THE BUREAU AWARE OF THOSE PROVISIONS!?

DEPLOYING AN ILLEGAL NUMBER OF ENFORCERS IN A NON-ENFORCEMENT ZONE, ...

WE GOT THESE PROVISIONS STRAIGHT FROM THE JUSTICE BUREAU.

MS. HIGUCHI'S GONE OFF HER ROCKER.

YOU'RE TAKING THIS WAY TOO FAR.

WON'T HOLD YOU BACK.

YOU CAN QUIT IF YOU WANT.

I WANNA QUIT TOO, BUT UNLIKE YOU, I DON'T HAVE A SUB TO PINCH-HIT FOR ME!

SOMEONE ELSE'LL JUST TAKE YOUR PLACE.

THIS IS ALL JUST A POLITICAL FARCE DISGUISED AS A VENGEANCE ENFORCEMENT.

I GET WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.

...GRUNTS LIKE YOU ARE THE ONLY ONES DOING THAT STUFF.

FIGHTING FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE AND WORLD PEACE, ...

SAME AS WAR.

BUT THIS AIN'T GONNA BE THE END OF IT.

CAN'T RUN A WAR IF SOLDIERS START THINKING ABOUT OTHER THINGS.

THAT'S THE ONLY THING YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT DURING AN ENFORCE-MENT.

SO HE'S GOTTA BE PUNISHED, RIGHT?

KEITA TANAKA IS DEFINITELY GUILTY.

I'M NOT FORCING ANYONE.

YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND QUIT IF YOU WANT.

I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.

YOU'VE ALL GONE CRAZY.

WHEN'D IT BECOME LIKE THIS..?

HAH-HAH-HAH.

YOU'RE TOO SLOW, DIMWIT.

THE MACKEREL LUNCH SET-

HERE YOU GO-

FUJI PEACE

UH- I'LL JUST HAVE GREEN TEA.

IT HAS TO BE COFFEE OR TEA.

YOU CAN HAVE AN ESPRESSO OR A ROYAL MILK TEA AFTER YOU FINISH.

LOVE

YOU KNOW, THE COFFEE HERE IS ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD...

HEY-YA- C'MON IN!

うおま

ALL I REALLY WANT IS GREEN TEA-

...COFFEE, THEN.

YES.

YOU'RE GONNA PARTICIPATE IN TANAKA'S ENFORCEMENT, TOO?

OH YEAH- YOU WERE AT THAT MEETING JUST NOW, SO...

KANEKO...

I WON'T LET YOU DOWN THIS TIME.

...SINCE THAT ONE.

I'VE HANDLED ABOUT A DOZEN CASES, ...

...THIS IS UNHEARD OF.

EVEN WITH THE PROVISIONS, ...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SO... YOU DON'T HAVE ANY QUALMS ABOUT THIS?

THEY CAN JUST COVER IT UP.

...WE'RE GONNA BE IN BIG TROUBLE.

IF THE JUSTICE BUREAU FINDS OUT AFTER-WARDS...

YOU DID IT TOO, MR. YAMADA.

HAPPENS A LOT IN THE INDUSTRY, RIGHT?

THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT I DID!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!

SMOOTHING OUT IDEALS AND DUTIES IS THE NORM IN THIS INDUSTRY.

IT'S THE SAME.

AH.

THEY DON'T CARE HOW MANY INNOCENT BYSTANDERS THEY KILL.

...LIKE "ILJIMA".

SURE, SOME ENFORCERS DO IT JUST FOR THE THRILL OF KILLING, ...

WHETHER I LIKE IT OR NOT.

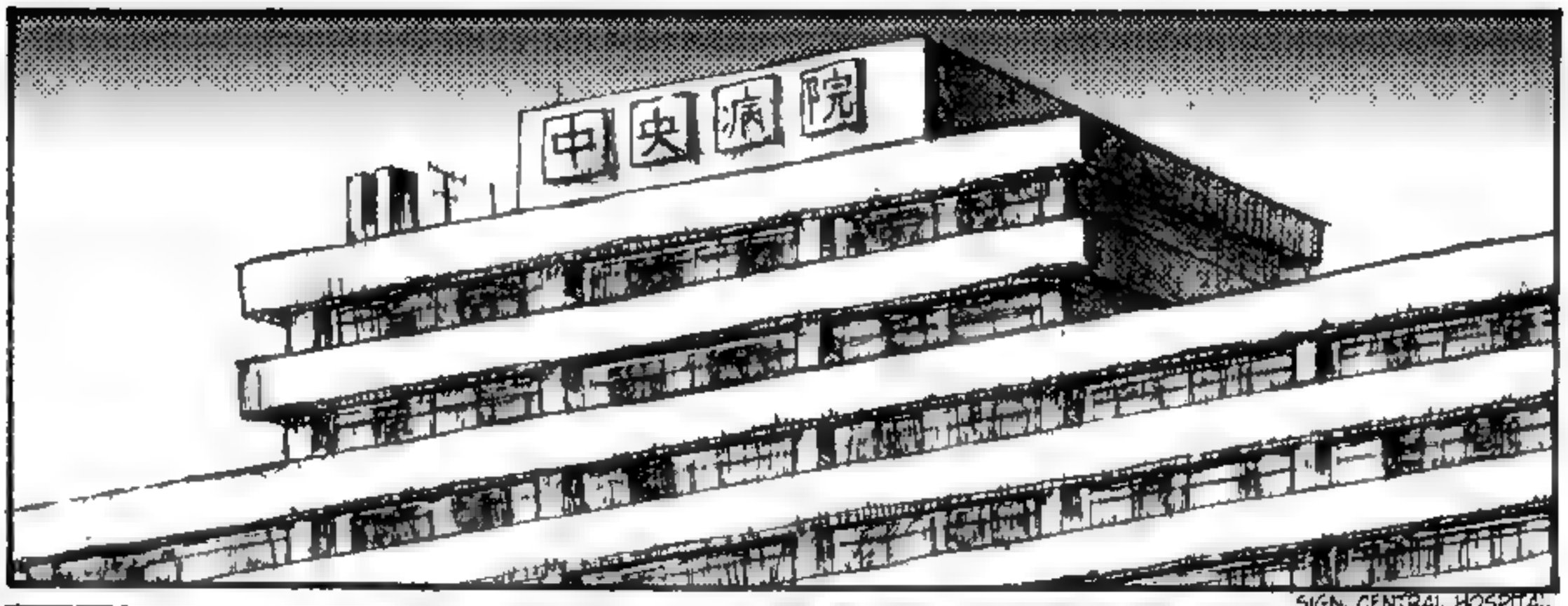
YOU SEE, THE ENFORCEMENT IS ON, ...

THEY NEED ME ON THIS ONE.

CAN YOU TRUST GUYS LIKE THAT FOR THIS ENFORCEMENT?

I CAN'T.

ANYONE WHO TAKES PRIDE IN BEING AN ENFORCER SHOULD ACCEPT THIS MISSION.



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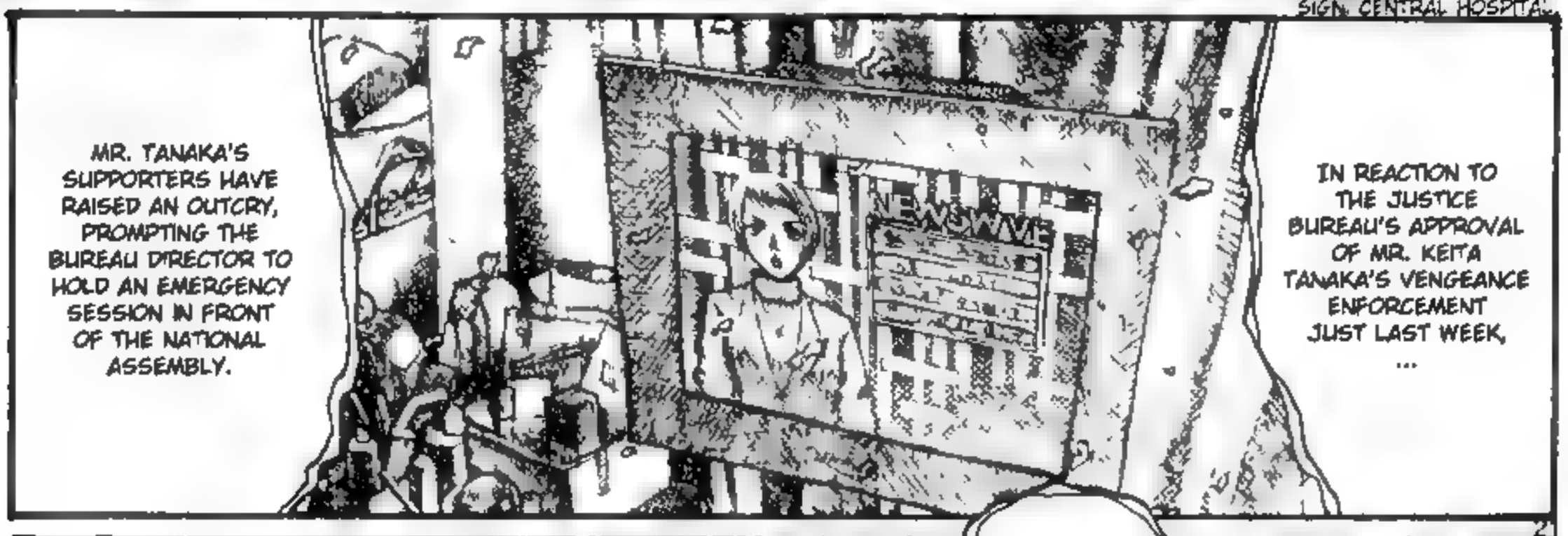

MR. TANAKA'S SUPPORTERS HAVE RAISED AN OUTCRY, PROMPTING THE BUREAU DIRECTOR TO HOLD AN EMERGENCY SESSION IN FRONT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.
NEWSWAVE
IN REACTION TO THE JUSTICE BUREAU'S APPROVAL OF MR. KEITA TANAKA'S VENGEANCE ENFORCEMENT JUST LAST WEEK, ...

ALL PART OF THE SMEAR CAMPAIGN BEFORE THE START OF THE ELECTION.
HAH-HAH... LISTEN TO THEM TALK.
MR. TANAKA'S OFFICE HAS DENOUNCED THE DECISION, ...
...AND HAVE STATED THEY WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY ATTEMPTS TO CARRY OUT THE SENTENCE.

I'M NOT GONNA RUN LIKE I DID BEFORE... HAH-HAH-HAH.

...I DON'T CARE IF THEY TRY.

KUSAKA SAYS ITS DOUBTFUL THAT THEY'LL ACTUALLY TRY AND EXECUTE ME, BUT...

WELL, YEAH.

...RIGHT.

IF K-KUN IS INNOCENT THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

THANKS...

.....

PLUS, I BELIEVE IN K-KUN.

WHY'D YOU GET ALL THESE BOOKS ON FLOWERS?

BY THE WAY, ...

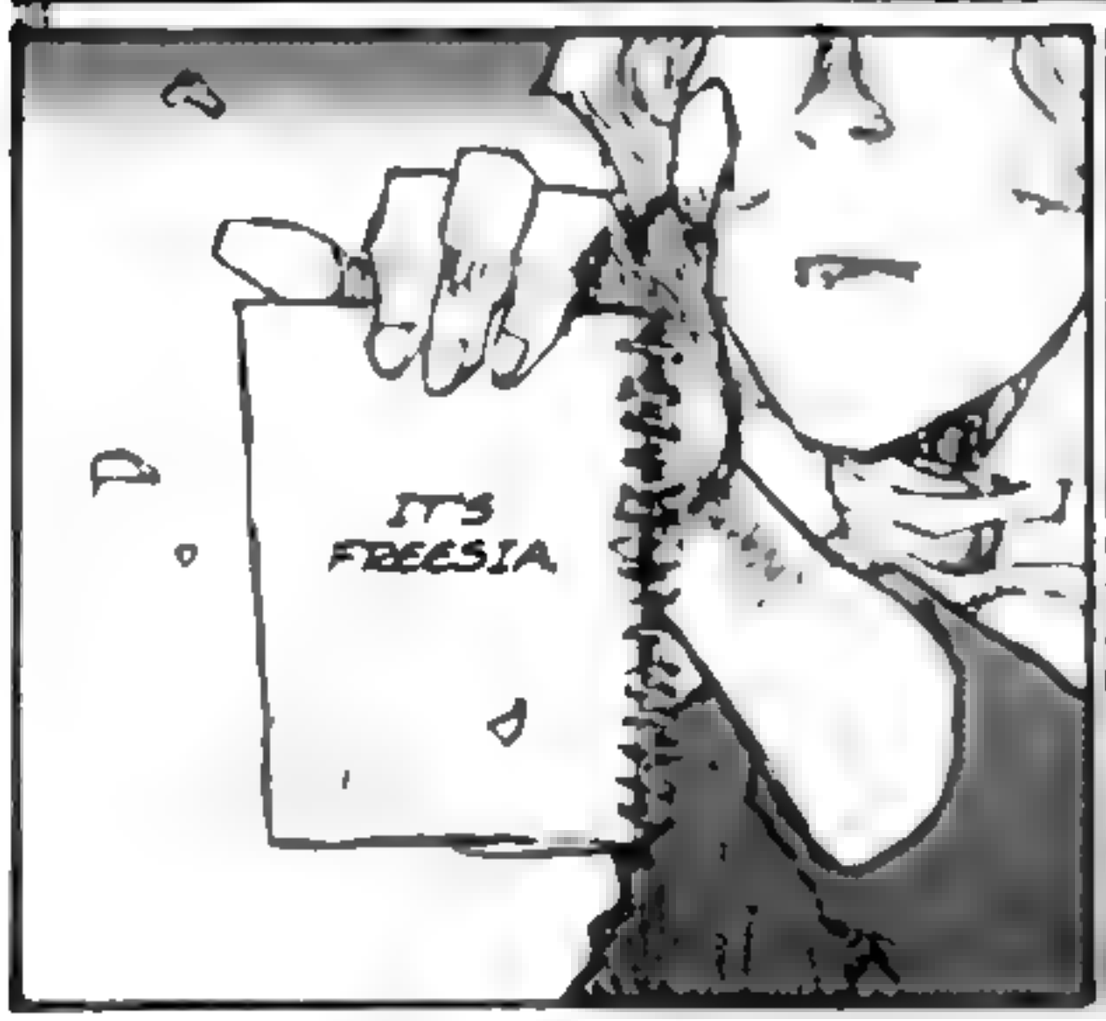
HUH?

STUDYING TO START A FLOWER STORE.

WHY?

I CAN'T SING ANY-MORE SO I'M GOING TO SELL FLOWERS.

AOTCHA
HUH?


IT'S FREESIA

I'M NOT GOOD WITH THAT STUFF
PUNNO

HUH?

FLOWER LANGUAGE: PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE.

DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

COOL-

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I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST ANOTHER HALLUCINATION.

SO IT WAS RINGING AFTER ALL...

YOUR PHONE.

IT'S BEEN RINGING FOR A WHILE.

CAN YOU HEAR ME-?

AH- AH-

TICK

YOU'VE GOT IMPORTANT WORK TO TAKE CARE DO.

I'VE BEEN CALLING FOR 2 HOURS, WHY DIDN'T YOU PICK UP?

WHAT WORK..?

WORK..?

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ALL THIS TIME...

WHAT WERE YOU DOING.

THE GIRL FROM THE FLOWER STORE GAVE THEM TO ME.

YES.

SHE'S A VERY GOOD GIRL.

ARE THOSE FLOWERS?

THE ENFORCEMENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE 1ST FLOOR OF THE DEPARTMENT STORE IN WARD 2.

HER NAME IS MIHO, AND SHE...

YOU'RE GETTING 6 MAGAZINES THIS TIME.

THE PISTOL AND MAGAZINES ARE ON THE DESK.

YOU ALREADY KNOW YAMADA-KUN AND KANEKO-KUN.

6 ENFORCERS, INCLUDING YOU. HERE'S THE LIST.

THAT'S BECAUSE NOBODY'S TOLD YOU ANYTHING.

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M HEARING ABOUT ANY OF THIS.

IT'S SPECIAL, BUT IT'S STILL A VENGEANCE ENFORCEMENT, SO THIS IS THE BEST WE CAN DO. THE MORALS OF THE ENFORCEMENT CODE WON'T PERMIT IT.

...IT'S STILL A DISADVANTAGE WITH ONLY 6 PEOPLE AND PISTOLS.

THE NUMBER OF BULLETS DOESN'T MATTER, ...

...SO WE GOT SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

TANAKA'S GOT 8 BODY-GUARDS WITH SUB-MACHINE GUNS, ...

HA HA HA

SUCH WORTHLESS THINGS.

MORALS...

BUT THEY'RE NECESSARY DECORATIONS FOR A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE.

THEY MAY BE WORTHLESS, ...

IT'S HIGUCHI.

OH? REALLY?

...YES.

RIGHT... OKAY.

HURRY, THE OTHERS ARE ALREADY AT THE SCENE. 15 MINUTES BY TAXI.

ON LINE #4.

HIGUCHI-SENPAI, CALL FROM THE SCOUTING UNIT.

TING

I REMEMBER YOU SAYING YOU COULD PREDICT ALL MY ACTIONS TO A REASONABLE LEVEL OF ACCURACY.

MISS HIGUCHI.

DOT

YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT MY LIFE WOULD BECOME INCONSISTENT WITH REALITY, AND THAT KEIKO WOULD DISAPPEAR.

IF YOU REALLY FORESAW MY CURRENT SITUATION, ...

GREAK

THIS FUTURE, WAS PRE-ARRANGED BY YOU.

WHICH MEANS, ...

YOU KNEW ALL THIS, AND YOU STILL MADE ME TAKE THIS JOB.

...TO EXECUTE MS. HIGUCHI, NOT KEITA TANAKA.

TO ME, IT MAKES MORE SENSE, ...

I HAVE NO REASON, RESPONSIBILITY, OR OBLIGATION TO STOP YOU.

EVERYTHING ELSE IS A RESULT OF YOUR OWN ACTIONS.

:Message

Surveillance unit says target's vehicle left the hospital 1 hour ahead of schedule.

...WHICH LEAD ME TO BELIEVE YOU WERE A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THIS JOB. NO OTHER REASONS.

I SCOUTED YOU BASED ON DATA AND INTUITION, ...

BUT I DIDN'T INTERFERE WITH IT.

SO I WAS AWARE OF YOUR FUTURE,

Sending Email ---

...BUT DID NOTHING TO HELP.

THE SAME WAY YOU SAW ME BEING RAPED, ...

THIS IS ABOUT KEIKO.

WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT.

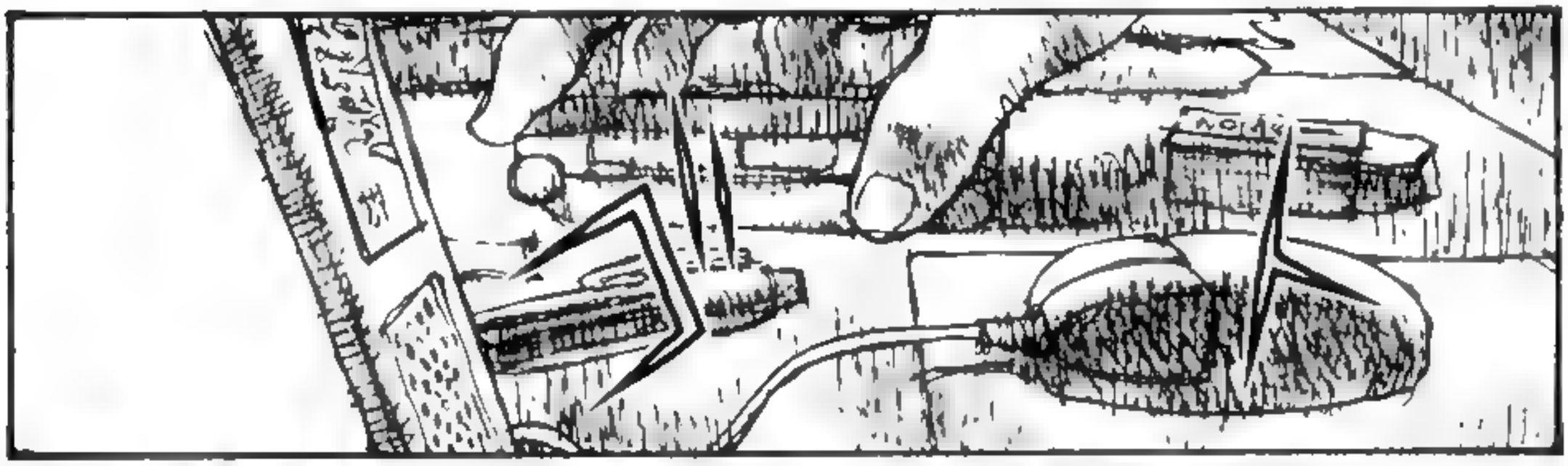
THAT'S WHY I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO DO ANYTHING. I'M JUST TELLING YOU MY INTENTION TO EXECUTE YOU, MS. HIGUCHI.

SHE MATTERS TO ME

WHY SHOULD SHE MATTER ME?

MS. KEIKO?

I SEE...



YOU'VE GOT YOUR CHANCE, RIGHT?

I'M RIGHT HERE.
FINE THEN, GO FOR IT.

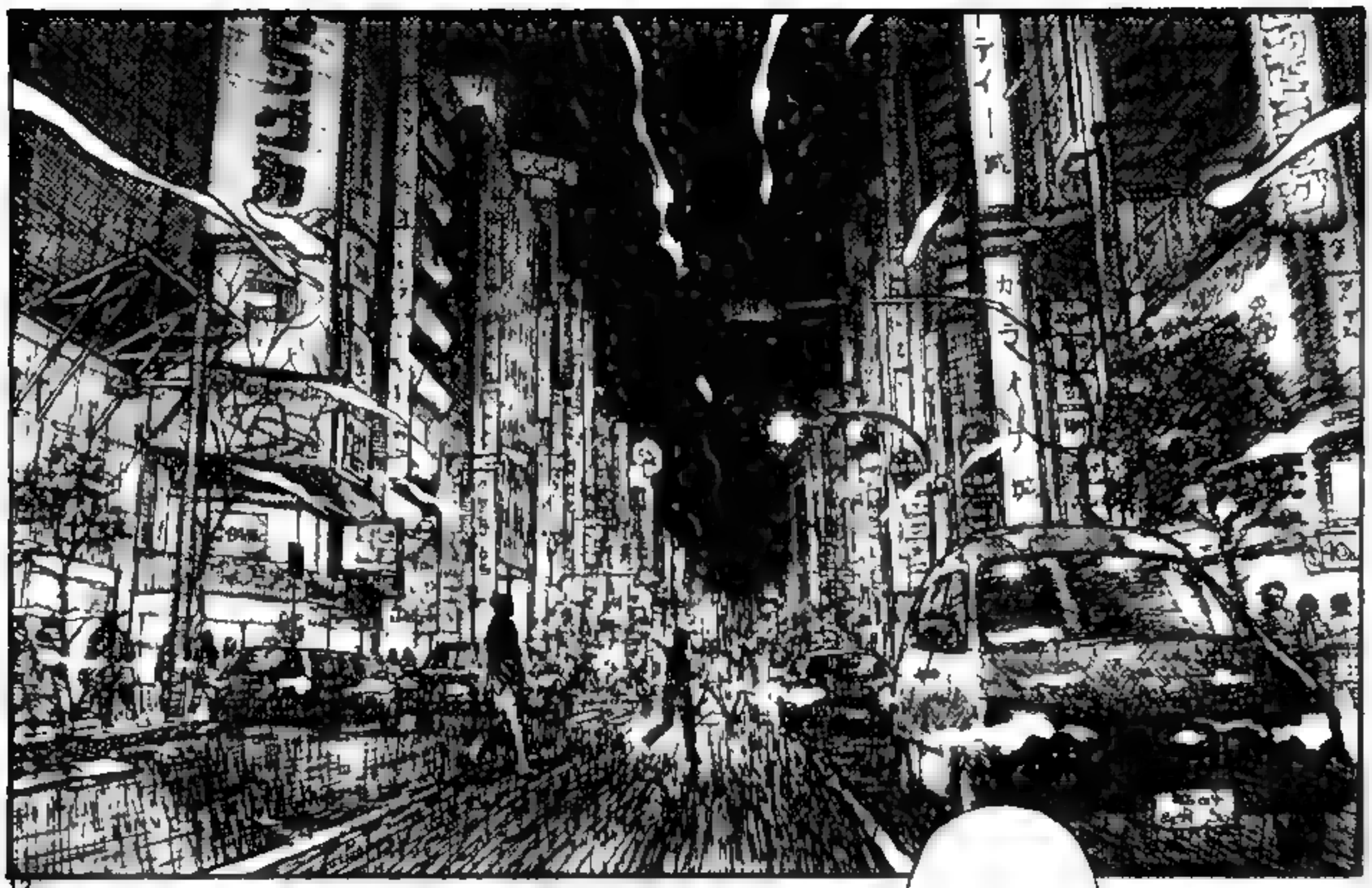
AFTER I'M DONE WITH THIS JOB.
NOT YET.

I DON'T LIKE IT, BUT I'M STILL GOING TO TRY IT OUT.

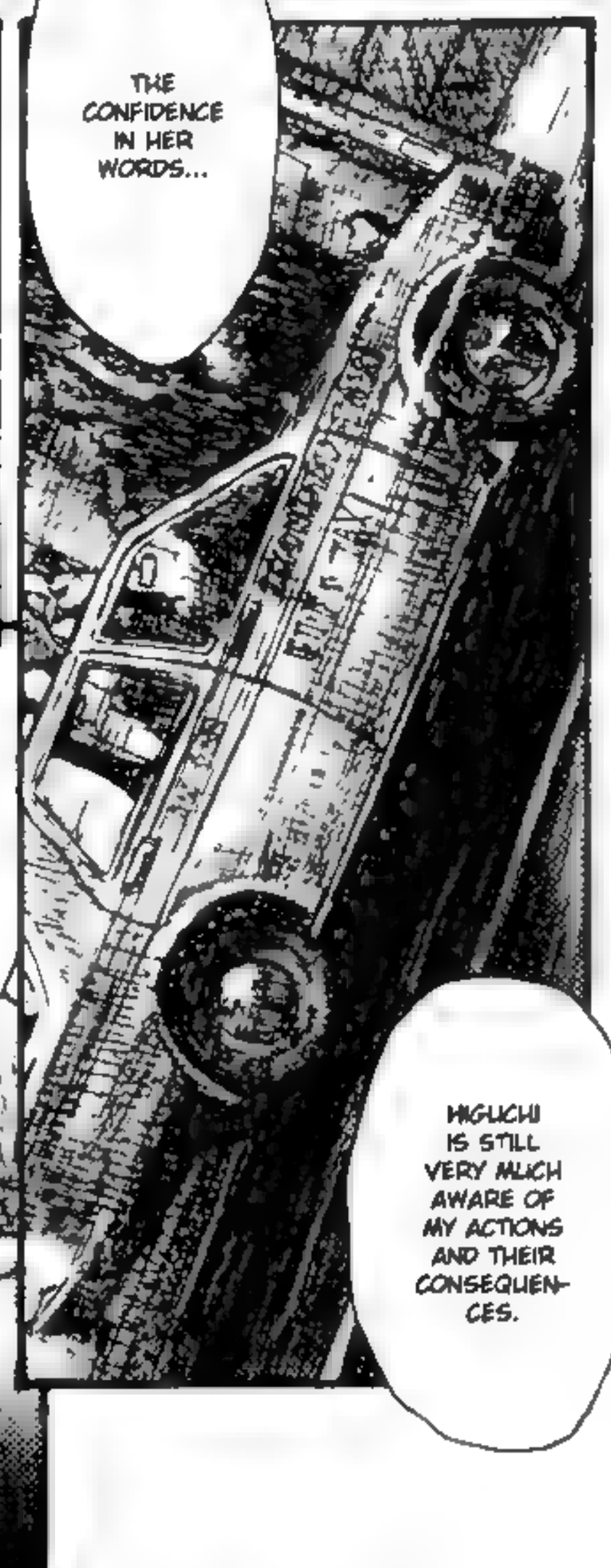
I PROMISED THE DIRECTOR I WOULD DISPOSE OF KEITA TANAKA AND SEE HOW EVERYTHING PLAYS OUT.

I CAN READ YOU LIKE A BOOK, AS ALWAYS.

KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT!



MEANING, SHE'S CONVINCED THAT I'M NOT GOING TO SURVIVE TANAKA'S ENFORCEMENT.
BUT NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, I DO HAVE SOME QUALMS WITH EXECUTING TANAKA.
HIGUCHI KNOWS I'M NOT GOING TO EXECUTE HER.
ALL PART OF HER MASTER PLAN...


THE CONFIDENCE IN HER WORDS...
HIGUCHI IS STILL VERY MUCH AWARE OF MY ACTIONS AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES.

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自由同盟

WE'RE EARLIER THAN USUAL.

HUH? WE'RE GOING TO THE STORE FIRST?

'BOUT WHAT?

I'VE GOT A HUNCH TODAY.

BESIDES, ...

WE'LL BE AN EASIER TARGET IF WE RUN ON A SCHEDULE.

CHUK

...YOU GOT MACHINE GUNS?

SO THAT'S WHY, ...

BUT I'VE GOT PRETTY GOOD INTUITION.

I CAN'T REALLY EXPLAIN IT.

IT'S THE SAME AS BEING ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.

BUT THIS FEELING, ...

THESE AREN'T REALLY GONNA MATTER, I THINK...

COFFEE
&
CAKES

SURE, WE CAN'T GET HASTY, BUT CUTTING IT THIS CLOSE IS MAKING ME ANXIOUS.

...

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE GOT RID OF THE CUSTOMERS ..?

AFTER WE FINISH SHOPPING, DEAR.

BUY ME A POP-SICLE-

MOMMY-!

HUH?

TANAKA LEFT THE HOSPITAL AN HOUR EARLY AND GOT ON ROUTE 16.

MR. YAMADA, WE JUST GOT A MESSAGE FROM MISS HIGUCHI.

WE'RE OUT OF TIME. HE'S COMING-

SHI

WHAT ABOUT THE CUSTOMERS, KANEKO? WE NEED TO EVACUATE THEM.

I KNOW. START IMMEDIATELY.

VICE-DIRECTOR, LET'S GET THE CUSTOMERS OUT NOW!

HEY- HURRY UP, OKAY?

NO WAY...

THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY OF A FIRE OCCURRING, SO WE CAN'T HAVE ANYONE ENTERING THE BUILDING!

EXCUSE ME! WE'RE CURRENTLY EXAMINING A MALFUNCTION IN THE BUILDING'S ELECTRIC SYSTEM!

WASN'T DONE YET...

PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE EXITS, CALMLY AND SAFELY!

DANG IT-

WE'RE ALSO ASKING ALL CUSTOMERS TO EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY. WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE!

SO THEY BRIBED THE SECURITY COMPANY...

THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME BEFORE TANAKA ARRIVES.

THE CUSTOMERS COMING DOWN ARE GOING TO CROWD UP THE FLOOR EVEN MORE...

HUH?

WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO..!?

MR. KANO!

...THEN MISS HIGUCHI, TOO.

OH- I'M GOING TO EXECUTE KEITA TANAKA, ...

DIDN'T THEY SEND YOU HOME!?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE!?

WAIT... KANO-SAN!

KEITA TANAKA, PLEASE STEP FORWARD-!

WHY MISS HIGUCHI?

HUH?

. ONCE WE GET CONTACT FROM THE SCOUTING TEAM.

I'LL COME AND GET YOU.

OKAY?

SO YOU CAN JUST RELAX IN THE CAFE UPSTAIRS.

TANAKA WON'T BE HERE FOR ANOTHER HOUR.

...

I'M NOT REALLY IN THE MOOD FOR RELAXING, THOUGH.

C'MON, LET'S GO!

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

HEY, ..

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
SECURITY SAYS THEY'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR TANAKA-KUN, THOUGH.
SO THEY'RE TEMPORARILY EVACUATING THE CUSTOMERS
AN ELECTRIC LEAKAGE. IT MIGHT START A FIRE.
LET'S JUST HEAD ON HOME FOR TODAY
TANAKA-KUN
SOME-THING'S UP
.....
AND IF I SHOW UP IN FRONT OF THE OTHER CUSTOMERS, THEY START CROWDING AROUND ANYWAYS THIS IS PERFECT
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, IT'D BE RUDE NOT TO TAKE UP THEIR OFFER.

LET'S TAKE THE SUBMACHINE GUNS AND BODY ARMOR WITH US!

ALRIGHT... EVERYONE OFF THE VAN AND INTO THE STORE!

K-KLIN, MARRY ME-!

AHH-! YOU'RE SO AWESOME, K-KLIN!

PLEASE CLEAR THE WAY!

IT'S K-KLIN.

OH YEAH!

HEY.

SO WE'RE NOT IN BUSINESS AT THIS TIME, EITHER...

THE STORE ITSELF IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED...

JUST BRING US SOME COFFEE.

ONE COFFEE PLEEZ!

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...FROM THIS WINDOW...

YOU CAN KEEP TRACK OF THINGS, ...

COFFEE & CAKES

ALRIGHT, PLEASE WAIT HERE UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CONTACT, MR. KANO.

KANEKO... WHERE'S TANAKA?

HE'S ALREADY AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE!

IT'S K-KUN-!

WHERE ARE YOU, MR. YAMADA !?

PLEASE TAKE YOUR POSITION IMMEDIATELY!

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